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In re application of:

Shoji Hara et al

Serial No.: 09/782,169

Filed: February 14, 2001

For: LAMINATE COMPRISING POLYIMIDE AND CONDUCTOR LAYER, MULTI-LAYER WIRING BOARD WITH THE USE OF THE SAME AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 22, 2002

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001, requiring restriction between two alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time being filed concurrently herewith.

In the Action, the examiner has made a restriction requirement between the inventions of Group I drawn to a process for producing a laminate (Claims 1-13); and Group II drawn to a laminate (Claims 14-16).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I, that is, claims 1-13** for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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